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BOOK REVIEWS.

A HISTORY OF ROCKINGHAM COUNTY, VIRGINIA. BY JOHN W. WAYLAND, PH. D., Professor of History State Normal School, Harrisonburg-Va., Member Virginia Historical Society, American Historical Association, Pennsylvania German Society &c.; Author of "Political Opinions of Thomas Jefferson", "The German Element of the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia &c." Ruebush-Elkins Company, Dayton, Virginia, 1912, pp. 467, with 94 illustrations and maps, and full index.

Rockingham is one of Virginia's largest and richest counties and has been very fortunate in having so able and scholarly an historian as Dr. Wayland. In every phase of the history, civil, military, religious, and economic, the work of the trained student is evident.

While giving in a very interesting way all of the things usually found in county histories, the author has studied and presents many important subjects which the average writer of such works overlooks, or does not understand the importance of.

The appendix contains much matter of interest including a good bibliography.

If our reviewing space were not crowded it would be a pleasure to enter more fully into the character and merits of this admirable work.

RICHMOND HER PAST AND PRESENT. By W. Asbury Christian, D. D. Illustrated. Manufactured by L. H. Jenkins, Richmond, Va., 1912. pp. 618 with index.

It is very surprising that Richmond should so long have been without a historian. Mordecai and Little, writing many years ago, did but little to supply the want, and Dr. Christian's work can hardly be called a history. It is however a very useful chronicle. The author has been an indefatigable student of newspaper files, and has given, in compact form, most of the great and small events in the history of the City down to the present time.

As a chronicle of events, especially since the Revolution, "Richmond, Her Past and Present" has much value. As a real history there is much lacking.

The author, indeed, shows in many places an unfamiliarity with history outside of the newspapers. On p. 3 he seems to think that Henricopolis was at the site of Richmond. Certainly there never was a new Henrico at Tuckahoe.

St. Johns Church (p. 8) was not called St. Johns when it was built, but was given that name about 1829. An account is given of Arnold's occupation of Richmond; but not of that by Cornwallis later in the same year. The plan for Gabriel's Insurrection (pp. 52-53) had been arranged much more carefully than would be thought from the account given here.

On page 198 it is stated in regard to William and Mary College that "the Assembly after the burning of the town of Henrico, ordered it to be built in Williamsburg." Henrico was burnt in 1622 and William and Mary was not chartered until 1692-3. The two College plans had nothing to do with each other.

A series of views of Richmond at various dates is reproduced and adds to the value of what, as has been stated, is a very useful book.

DR. WILLIAM LEROY BROWN, compiled by Thomas L. Brown, assisted by Bessie Lee Brown and Sally T. Ordway, New York. The Neale Publishing Company 1912, pp. 247, with portraits.

Dr. Brown did admirable work as an officer of the ordnance department of the Confederacy; but his great lifework was what he did for education in the South after the war; especially as President of the Alabama Agricultural and Mechanical College. The story of his life was worth preserving, and it has been well told by the authors of this book.

A large part of the Volume consists of letters to and from Dr. Brown, articles on his life and work other than the authors, and addresses by Dr. Brown himself.

THE LAND WHERE WE WERE DREAMING and other Poems of Daniel Bedinger Lucas. Edited by Charles W. Kent, Ph. D., and Virginia Lucas with a critical introduction by Charles W. Kent, Ph. D. University Edition, Richard G. Badger. The Gorham Press Boston [1913], pp. 252 with portrait.

As our review department has to be confined to historical subjects, we can only note the receipt of this collection of Judge Lucas' poems.

CAPTAIN ROGER JONES OF LONDON AND VIRGINIA—SOME OF HIS ANTECEDENTS AND DESCENDANTS. With appreciative notices of the Families of Bathurst, Belfield, Browning, Carter, Catesby, Cocke, Graham, Fauntleroy, Hickman, Hoskins, Latane—Lewis, Meriwether, Skelton, Walker, Waring and others. By Judge L. H.